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Guide to the Warsaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Commercial Laundries

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Commercial Laundries
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Commercial
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet (consisting of .5 box.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Commercial Laundries</i> forms part of the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana, Subseries 1.1: Subject Categories. The Subject Categories subseries is divided into 470 subject categories based on those created by Mr. Warshaw. These subject categories include topical subjects, types or forms of material, people, organizations, historical events, and other categories. An overview to the entire Warshaw collection is available here: Warshaw Collection of Business Americana

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Commercial Laundries is a portion of the Business Ephemera Series of the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana, Accession AC0060 purchased from Isadore Warshaw in 1967. Warshaw continued to accumulate similar material until his death, which was donated in 1971 by his widow, Augusta. For a period after acquisition, related materials from other sources (of mixed provenance) were added to the collection so there may be content produced or published after Warshaw's death in 1969. This practice has since ceased.

Materials in the Archives Center

Archives Center Collection of Business Americana (AC0404)

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Missing Title:

- [Series 1: Business Ephemera](#)
- [Series 2: Other Collection Divisions](#)
- [Series 3: Isadore Warshaw Personal Papers](#)
- [Series 4: Photographic Reference Material](#)

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Commercial Laundries consists primarily of bills, receipts, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, printed advertisements, laundry lists with prices, advertising cards, business cards and postcards from commercial laundry companies. Most of the companies are steam laundries with the work done by hand rather than machinery. A number of these companies also dye and repair items. There is one blotter from a laundry supply dealer who sold starches, blues, soaps, bleaches, and materials for hotel and institutional use. Materials are arranged by company name.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Laundries

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other

Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors

Box 1, Folder 1	Albany Steam Laundry, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 1	American Laundry, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 1	American Steam Laundry, Gallipolis, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 1	Art Hand Laundry, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 2	Bangor and Boston Dye House, Bangor, Maine
Box 1, Folder 2	Bangor Steam Laundry Company, Bangor, Maine
Box 1, Folder 2	Bay State Laundry, Boston, Massachusetts?
Box 1, Folder 2	Bernard, P. Scouring, New York, New York Notes: Cleaning, Repairing and Dyeing
Box 1, Folder 2	Blum's Polk Gulch Laundry and Cleaner's, San Francisco, California
Box 1, Folder 3	Cambridge Laundry, Cambridgeport (Boston), Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 3	Cascade Steam Laundry, Great Falls, New Hampshire
Box 1, Folder 3	Child's, Asher M., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 3	Colonial Laundries
Box 1, Folder 3	Concord Steam Laundry, Concord, New Hampshire
Box 1, Folder 3	Cortland Steam Laundry, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 3	Crown Laundry, Utica, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	DePew, L.H., Bloomington, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 4	DuPont Laundry, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 4	Escanaba Steam Laundry, Escanaba, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 5	Ford, Luther and Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Box 1, Folder 5	Forrest Laundry, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 6	Gardner, Stone and Company, Troy, New York
Box 1, Folder 6	Globe laundry, William Sproemberg and Son, Maysville, Kentucky
Box 1, Folder 7	Greenpoint Steam Laundry, Greenpoint, Long Island, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Griffin, Alex Mrs.
Box 1, Folder 8	Griffith's Steam Laundry, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 9	Hale's Laundry, Fostoria, Oregon
Box 1, Folder 10	Harols, Waterbury, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 10	Hasbrouck, Burt, Laundry, Montclair, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 10	Hastings Laundry, Location Unknown
Box 1, Folder 11	Houlton Steam Laundry and Dye House, Houlton, Maine Notes: Holt, Charles L., Proprietor
Box 1, Folder 12	Hudson Hand Laundry, Cambridgeport Notes: A.E. Culverwell, Agent
Box 1, Folder 13	Hunters Point Hand Laundry, Long Island City, New York Notes: Sigmond Feldman, Proprietor
Box 1, Folder 13	Hurd, R.B., Paterson, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 14	Ithaca Steam Laundry, Ithaca, New York
Box 1, Folder 15	Jolly, C. And Son, New York, new York
Box 1, Folder 15	Kenny, J.F. Steam Clothes Cleaning, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 16	Knoxville Steam Laundry, Knoxville, Tennessee Notes: E.H. DePue, Proprietor
Box 1, Folder 17	Lee's Laundry, Saratoga Springs, New York Notes: Emmitt Lee, Proprietor
Box 1, Folder 17	Lee, Sam and Young, Charly, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 17	Levi, G., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 17	Lewando's French Dye House, Boston, Massachusetts

Box 1, Folder 17	Linen's of the Week, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 18	McCoy Laundry Company, Springfield, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 18	McDuffies French Cleaning and Steam Cleaning
Box 1, Folder 18	MacFarlane's Old Dye Works, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 19	Manhattan Laundry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania Notes: Andrew Gutfleisch, Proprietor
Box 1, Folder 20	Massasoit House, Location Unknown Notes: M. And E.S. Chapin, Proprietor
Box 1, Folder 21	Maysville Steam Laundry and Dye Works, Maysville, Kentucky
Box 1, Folder 22	Model Steam Laundry, Toledo, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 22	Model Laundry Company, Cincinnati, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 22	Montgomery and Campbell, Davenport, Iowa
Box 1, Folder 23	Naptha Cleansing Company, Nevene and Company
Box 1, Folder 24	New York Laundry Works, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	Niagara and Laundry
Box 1, Folder 24	Newman and Biehle, New York, New York?
Box 1, Folder 25	Normal Park Laundry, Englewood, New Jersey Notes: J.B. Chapin, Proprietor
Box 1, Folder 26	Orange Steam Laundry Company, Orange, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 26	Pan Kee Steam Laundry, Brooklyn, New York
Box 1, Folder 26	Paragon Steam Laundry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 26	Passaic Steam Laundry Company, Belleville, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 27	Pearl Steam Laundry, Toledo, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 27	Pembroke Custom Steam Laundry, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 27	People's Laundry, Albany, New York
Box 1, Folder 27	Perrine, A. R. Steam Laundry, East Orange, New Jersey

Box 1, Folder 28	Philadelphia Towel Supply and Laundry Company, Ltd., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 29	Pond Lilly Laundry, Dyeing and Cleaning Company, New Haven, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 29	Progress Laundry, Indianapolis, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 30	Rasmussen, James Mrs., New York
Box 1, Folder 30	Ravena Hand Laundry, Location Unknown Notes: A.H. Lawton and Company, Proprietors
Box 1, Folder 31	Razee, B.A., and Company, North Attleboro, Massachusetts Notes: Dealers in Confectionery and Periodicals; Agency for riverside Steam Laundry Company
Box 1, Folder 31	Richmond Hill Clothing, Cleaning and Repairing, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 31	Rees and Rees, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 32	Rogers and Dowling, Troy, New York Notes: Custom Laundry
Box 1, Folder 33	Shute's Laundry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 33	Spotless Cleaner's, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 34	St. James Laundry and Dye House, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 34	St. Marry's, Ardmore, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 35	Suburban Laundry, Whitesboro, New York
Box 1, Folder 35	Sun Laundry, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 35	Sunshine Laundry, Brookline, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 36	Thompson's Laundry, Saratoga, new York
Box 1, Folder 36	Toldeo Laundry, Toledo, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 36	Toledo Steam Laundry, Toledo, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 37	Union Steam Laundry, Newark, New jersey Notes: Crowley and Marbe, Proprietors
Box 1, Folder 37	Universal Hand Laundry, Brooklyn, New York Notes: Mrs. B. Cunningham, Proprietor

Box 1, Folder 38	Van Deusen laundering Company (Manufacturers' Launderers), Troy, New York
Box 1, Folder 38	Vermont Hand Laundry, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 38	Williams Laundry, White River Junction, Vermont
Box 1, Folder 39	Washington Steam Laundry, New York Notes: Willard and Company, Proprietors
Box 1, Folder 40	Wilbert Products Company
Box 1, Folder 40	Winsted Steam Laundry, Winsted, Connecticut Notes: C. M. Dean, Proprietor

Subseries 2: Related Materials

Box 1, Folder 41	The Laundrymen's National association of America
Box 1, Folder 42	Business Cards
Box 1, Folder 43	Dealers of Laundry Supplies
Box 1, Folder 44	Miscellaneous

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